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**ALGERIAN TERRORISM IN FRANCE**

I. Coordinated terrorist attacks in France by the Algerian National Liberation Front (FLN) on 25 August hit about 20 localities, mainly petroleum installations, but including police garages in Paris.

A. FLN probably hopes that show of strength will encourage massive abstention of Algerians in the 28 September constitutional referendum.

1. French government had recently publicized <sup>last of</sup> [one of] major FLN networks in France "smashed."

B. Also, some danger De Gaulle's popular backing may be weakened, <sup>e</sup> by this evidence he does not have security situation fully under control.

II. French Ministry of Interior has set up special committee to coordinate government's anti-terrorist moves in France, and placed military guards at key industrial, transportation, and communication installations.

A. Paris may reimpose emergency measures (relaxed after De Gaulle came to power) permitting arrest of Algerians in France on charges of suspicion and permitting military trial in sabotage cases.

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